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TO: *His Excellency, Governor Richard W. Riley, Chairman, State Budget and Control Board, and The Members of the South Carolina General Assembly.*

The Higher Education Tuition Grants Committee respectfully submits for consideration its annual report. Included in this report are general data concerning the development of the program and specific data covering the 1979-80 academic year.

Respectfully yours,
Joab M. Lesene, Jr.
Higher Education Tuition Grants
Committee

TUITION GRANTS - PHILOSOPHY AND PURPOSE

“Whereas, the General Assembly finds that as a result of the rising school population and the continuously rising cost of providing proper facilities for the higher education of young people, there exists in this State an urgent need to use all available educational resources wisely. A lack of higher educational facilities is inimical to the welfare and prosperity of all residents of the State and to the continued financial growth of the State; and

Whereas, the General Assembly also finds that within the State there exists several accredited independent institutions of higher learning whose facilities could be used effectively in the public interest by providing additional space for students thereby eliminating the need for substantial increases in capital outlay funds;

Whereas, it is vital to the growth of the State that all qualified residents be offered the opportunity for furthering their education.

To achieve this in the most economical manner, students willing to bear the major cost of their education expenses should be assisted where financial need exists in an effort to make their educational goals more readily attainable.”

- The Preamble to the Tuition Grants Law

SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHER EDUCATION TUITION GRANTS COMMITTEE

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STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THE AGENCY

The General Assembly of the State of South Carolina during the 1970 session passed Act 1191 creating the Higher Education Tuition Grants Committee. This Committee was created as a State agency charged with the responsibility for overseeing the operation of the Tuition Grants Program.

HISTORY OF THE AGENCY

In 1970 the General Assembly passed a bill which created the Higher Education Tuition Grants Committee, an agency which was charged with the responsibility of administering tuition grants to independent college students. The Governor signed the bill on May 1, 1970. The original appropriation was \$5,000. No awards were made the first year. In 1971-72 the program aided 43 students. In 1972-73, a total of 134 students received awards.

A total of 3,271 grants were made for the 1973-74 academic year. The Committee made awards to 5,186 students for the 1974-75 academic year. 5,784 awards were made to students for the 1975-76 year. 7,516 awards were made to students for the 1976-77 year. During 1977-78 7,758 awards were made. In 1978-79 8,335 students received awards. Thus far, 7,634 awards have been made to students for the 1979-80 year.

PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE AGENCY

The South Carolina Higher Education Tuition Grants Committee has been charged by the General Assembly with the responsibility of administering the Tuition Grants Program. This program allows South Carolina residents who attend independent colleges in this state to receive financial assistance from the state.

All grant recipients must be full-time students, of good moral character and must demonstrate financial need and academic merit. They may not take a course which leads to a degree in theology, divinity, or religious education.

Eligible students may apply their grants toward tuition and fees at a South Carolina independent college which is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools or certified for teacher training. The amount of the grant may not exceed the student's financial need or the total of tuition and fees charged by the college. Also, the amount may not exceed the annual subsidy for students who attend public colleges in the state.

In November, 1979, the Tuition Grants Committee distributed application forms to all South Carolina secondary schools and to eligible colleges. The guidance offices at the secondary schools and the financial aid offices at the colleges distributed these application forms to students throughout the state.

The Tuition Grants Office received a total of 11,251 applications for the 1979-80 academic year.

The Tuition Grants Program has opened the door of educational opportunity to thousands of South Carolinians. A survey of grant recipients has indicated that forty-three percent (43%) of the grant awardees would not have gone to college without the grant.

PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES

During the past twelve months staff members participated in thirty-six financial aid programs for parents, students, and high school counselors. These informative sessions were conducted throughout the state in the schools.

Financial Aid Awareness Week was also strongly supported by staff members who manned booths in local shopping centers to contact residents seeking information on methods of financing their post high school education.

In cooperation with the South Carolina Association of Financial Aid Administrators (SCASFAA), the Agency conducted intensive training sessions for professional aid administrators in the State. Over 70 financial aid officers participated in this training effort. Additional training was provided through individual consultation sessions coordinated through the Tuition Grants Agency.

RESOURCES

The state appropriation for 1979-80 \$9,749,350
Federal matching funds through the State

Student Incentive Grants Program \$873,035
Total Grants Program Funding \$10,622,385

Total Administrative costs for 1979-80 will be approximately \$157,940 or 1.6% of the appropriation.

1979-80 HIGHLIGHTS

1. Students at nineteen (19) independent colleges in South Carolina were eligible to participate in the Tuition Grants Program during 1979-80. These colleges enrolled a total of 16,980 full-time under-graduate students. Seventy six percent (76%) of these students are from South Carolina.
2. One out of every two recipients had a total family income of less than \$15,000 per year. Seventy-six percent (76%) of the students had incomes less than \$21,000 per year. The average 1978 income was \$14,007.
3. Thirty percent (30%) of the 1979-80 award dollars went to South Carolina residents attending the five historically black colleges that participate in the program.
4. The 1979-80 average tuition/fee charge is \$2418 per year, not including room, board or books. This is an increase of \$138 over the 1978-79 average.
5. Seventy seven percent (77%) of the 1979-80 freshmen tuition grant recipients ranked in the upper half of their high school class.
6. Females accounted for 62% of the 1979-80 awardees.
7. Eighty seven percent (87%) of the recipients were dependent upon their parents/guardians for financial support. Thirteen percent (13%) were totally independent and relied only on their own income or that of a spouse.

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**UNDERGRADUATE FULL-TIME STUDENT ENROLLMENT
AT THE NINETEEN COLLEGES PARTICIPATING
IN TUITION GRANTS PROGRAM**

	1973-74	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80
Allen							259
Anderson	981	1017	1063	1063	961	1027	1101
Baptist	1215	1236	1297	1286	1285	1469	1551
Benedict	1265	1262	1615	1973	2025	1745	1584
Central Wesleyan	276	321	346	338	349	369	355
Claflin	746	820	903	985	892	844	854
Coker	561	544	403	377	281	254	247
Columbia	831	832	783	812	846	849	908
Converse	779	764	717	753	767	731	737
Erskine	685	715	710	656	647	657	613
Furman	1990	2007	2027	2012	2004	2179	2218
Limestone	427	432	464	656	681	1038	1116
Morris	347	389	515	617	640	594	659
Newberry	777	828	829	812	810	789	857
North Greenville	592	594	555	493	475	477	471
Presbyterian	860	812	828	798	808	872	917
Spartanburg	794	774	922	903	944	863	809
Voorhees	728	846	1007	1042	954	780	692
Wofford	1006	982	944	1030	975	956	1032
TOTAL STUDENTS .	14,860	15,175	15,928	16,606	16,344	16,493	16,980

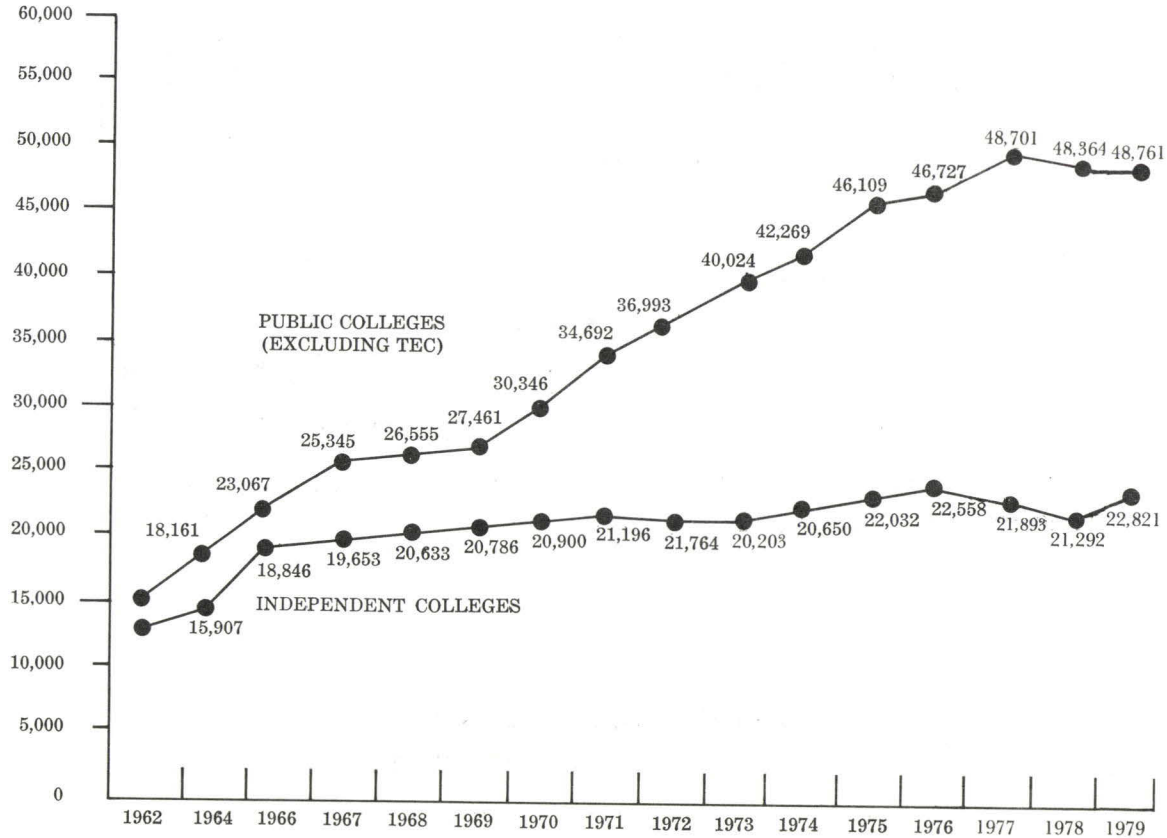
**FULL-TIME FRESHMEN ENROLLMENTS AT THE NINETEEN
COLLEGES PARTICIPATING IN TUITION GRANTS
PROGRAM**

	1973-74	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80
Allen							76
Anderson	573	569	662	623	604	778	741
Baptist	437	442	552	604	569	794	799
Benedict	336	459	687	778	645	530	616
Central Wesleyan	94	118	121	103	113	126	126
Claflin	268	322	302	297	264	272	278
Coker	163	150	127	124	82	86	91
Columbia	277	290	253	248	283	314	331
Converse	261	234	246	242	228	207	255
Erskine	212	240	252	204	206	165	167
Furman	609	615	655	631	649	778	703
Limestone	135	163	157	193	198	344	330
Morris	127	188	205	274	275	206	269
Newberry	283	280	303	259	278	248	298
North Greenville	450	483	385	282	262	320	382
Presbyterian	250	221	252	277	307	345	330
Spartanburg	549	623	454	538	527	490	468
Voorhees	244	318	327	495	383	385	279
Wofford	264	263	257	343	312	321	406
TOTAL STUDENTS .	5532	5978	6197	6515	6185	6709	6945

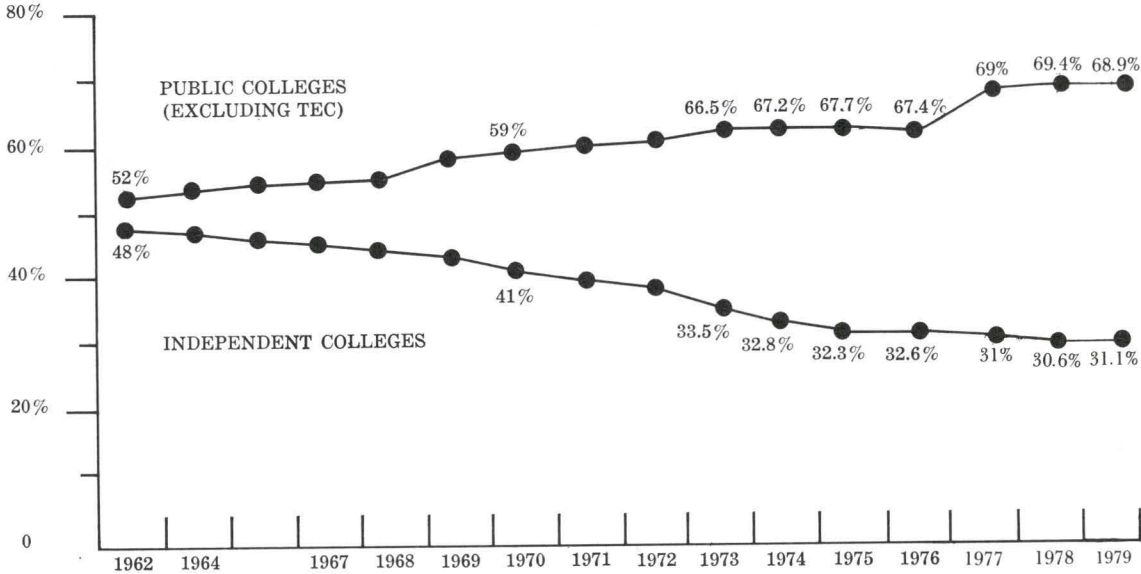
**S.C. RESIDENT ENROLLMENTS AT THE NINETEEN
COLLEGES PARTICIPATING IN
TUITION GRANTS PROGRAM**

	1973-74	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80
Allen							172
Anderson	931	966	993	1004	892	947	1018
Baptist	1085	1105	1203	1207	1207	1360	1240
Benedict	1126	1103	1473	1808	1839	1613	1411
Central Wesleyan	156	196	174	171	184	228	222
Claflin	764	785	870	948	851	803	812
Coker	488	485	344	335	239	219	206
Columbia	787	793	733	766	792	789	836
Converse	312	324	327	317	304	296	302
Erskine	435	470	527	493	485	489	443
Furman	1041	1221	993	901	860	903	935
Limestone	292	325	358	528	572	949	1031
Morris	326	415	503	552	601	561	621
Newberry	574	595	625	631	624	632	690
North Greenville	634	639	527	460	432	437	412
Presbyterian	476	465	504	501	455	445	450
Spartanburg	758	751	840	898	909	822	778
Voorhees	692	813	939	935	867	717	629
Wofford	749	735	695	763	721	704	749
TOTAL STUDENTS .	11,626	12,186	12,628	13,218	12,834	12,914	12,957

FULL-TIME COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENTS BY PUBLIC & PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS



PERCENTAGE OF FULL-TIME STUDENTS
IN PUBLIC & PRIVATE COLLEGES



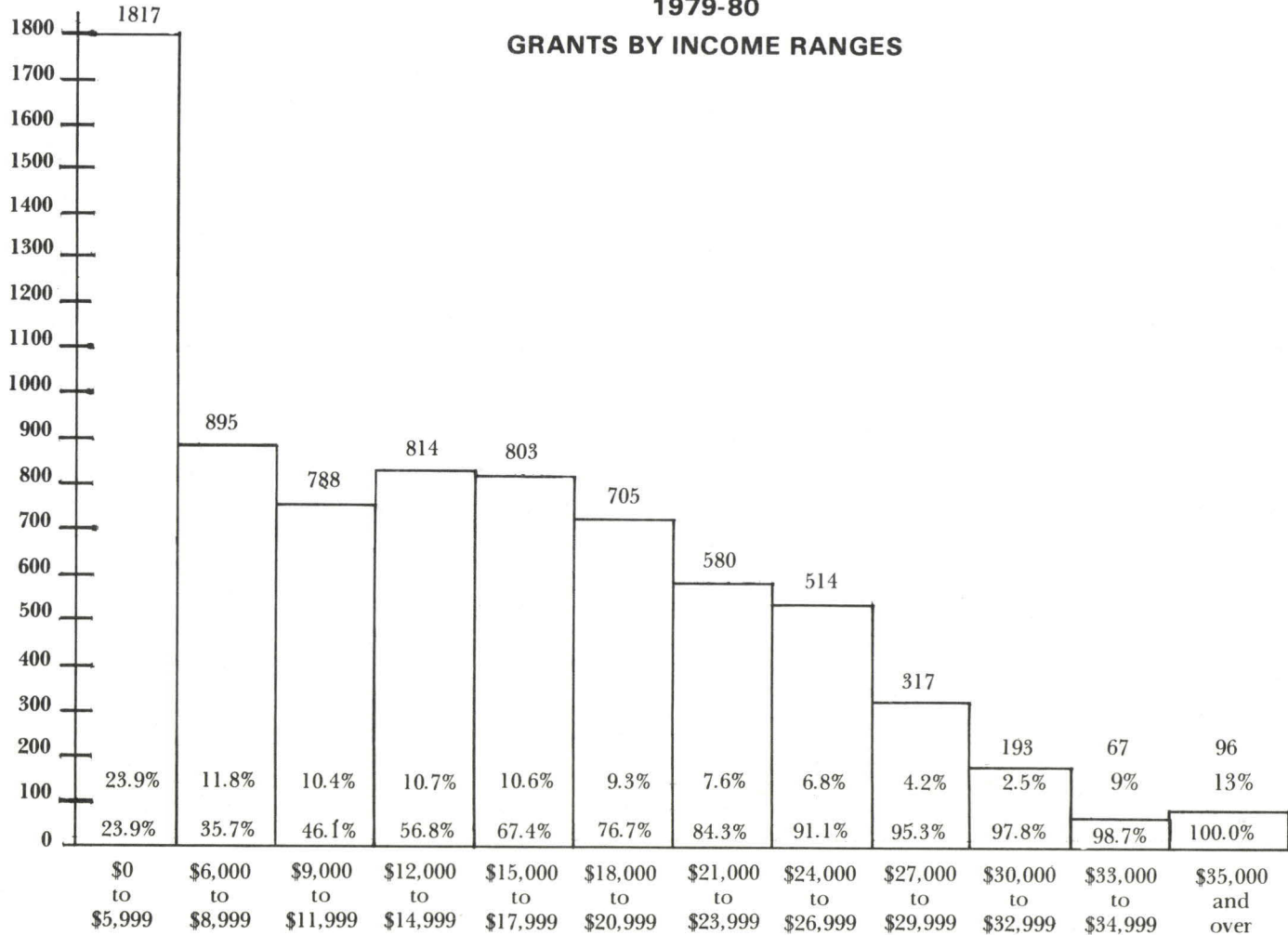
APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND GRANTS AWARDED 1979-80

	Applications Received	Grants
Allen	123	75
Anderson	847	581
Baptist	1,489	892
Benedict	1,598	1,029
Central Wesleyan	207	155
Clafflin	849	591
Coker	215	144
Columbia	633	477
Converse	166	132
Erskine	402	322
Furman	763	626
Limestone	434	270
Morris	562	266
Newberry	637	495
North Greenville	327	188
Presbyterian	290	237
Spartanburg Methodist	660	398
Voorhees	522	338
Wofford	527	418
TOTALS	11,251	7,634

1979-1980 TUITION GRANTS

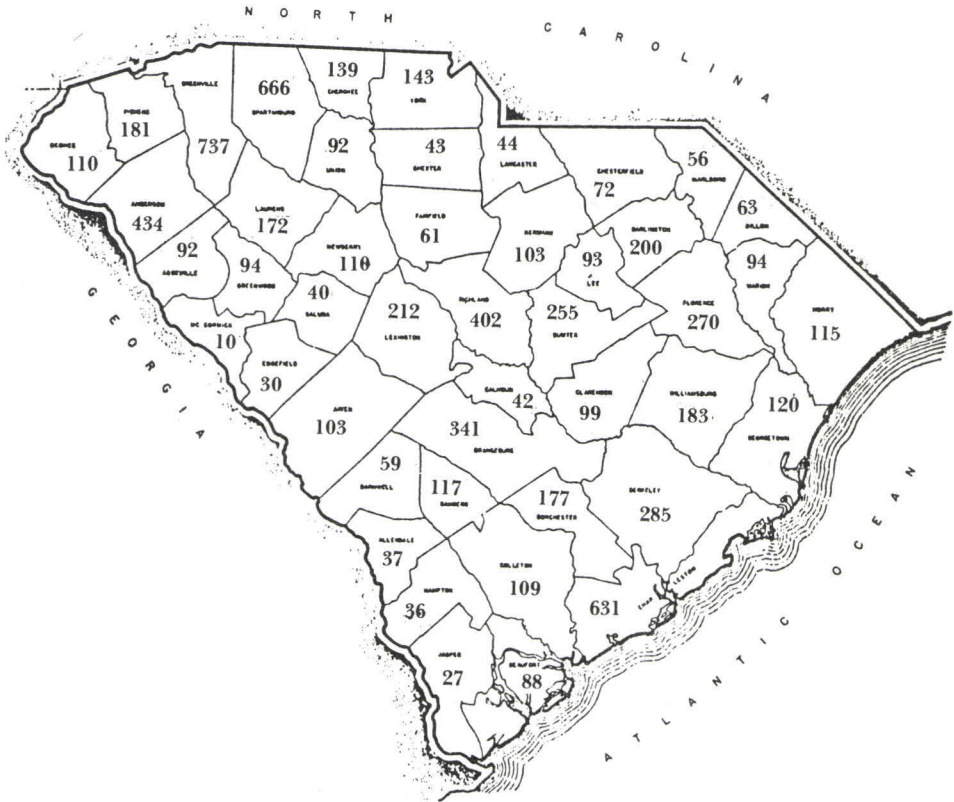
COLLEGE	FRESHMAN		SOPHOMORES		JUNIORS		SENIORS		TOTALS	
	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
Allen	10	\$5,140	16	\$8,381	18	\$11,130	31	\$19,133	75	\$43,784
Anderson	372	\$439,751	209	\$256,523					581	\$696,274
Baptist	316	\$567,039	247	\$436,140	204	\$371,220	125	\$199,054	892	\$1,573,453
Benedict	243	\$272,930	251	\$292,575	259	\$293,281	276	\$285,653	1,029	\$1,144,439
Central Wesleyan ...	21	\$34,400	40	\$62,195	46	\$71,786	48	\$75,425	155	\$243,806
Claflin	123	\$116,669	184	\$173,326	152	\$133,923	132	\$119,233	591	\$543,151
Coker	36	\$56,502	32	\$51,390	38	\$62,075	38	\$57,890	144	\$227,857
Columbia	152	\$265,053	139	\$229,887	112	\$191,523	74	\$126,625	477	\$813,088
Converse	38	\$73,872	29	\$57,056	28	\$53,476	37	\$68,380	132	\$252,784
Erskine	82	\$152,960	89	\$167,245	75	\$143,087	76	\$135,695	322	\$598,987
Furman	183	\$330,809	152	\$280,667	155	\$289,144	136	\$240,531	626	\$1,141,151
Limestone	51	\$86,080	70	\$109,903	84	\$131,463	65	\$103,789	270	\$431,235
Morris	62	\$34,821	69	\$38,735	66	\$37,080	69	\$39,373	266	\$150,009
Newberry	170	\$312,557	108	\$203,680	115	\$220,546	102	\$187,243	495	\$924,026
North Greenville....	116	\$133,681	72	\$76,400					188	\$210,081
Presbyterian	67	\$128,141	70	\$130,043	69	\$128,735	31	\$57,880	237	\$444,799
Spartanburg Meth...	227	\$241,091	171	\$166,975					398	\$408,066
Voorhees	62	\$56,790	81	\$81,810	98	\$88,404	97	\$93,742	338	\$320,746
Wofford	127	\$236,653	91	\$169,2599	85	\$155,773	115	\$209,141	418	\$770,826
TOTAL	2,458	\$3,544,939	2,118	\$2,992,109	1,605	\$2,382,701	1,453	\$2,018,813	7,634	\$10,938,562

1979-80
GRANTS BY INCOME RANGES



1979-80 TUITION GRANTS BREAKDOWN

County	Number of Recipients	Percentage of Recipients	Percentage of State Population
Abbeville	92	1.21	.81
Aiken	103	1.35	3.51
Allendale	37	0.49	.37
Anderson	434	5.72	4.07
Bamberg	117	1.54	.62
Barnwell	59	0.78	.66
Beaufort	88	1.16	1.97
Berkeley	285	3.76	2.16
Calhoun	42	0.55	.42
Charleston	631	8.31	9.55
Cherokee	139	1.83	1.42
Chester	43	0.57	1.15
Chesterfield	72	0.95	1.30
Clarendon	99	1.31	.98
Colleton	109	1.44	1.06
Darlington	200	2.63	2.06
Dillon	63	0.83	1.11
Dorchester	177	2.33	1.25
Edgefield	30	0.40	.61
Fairfield	61	0.80	.77
Florence	270	3.56	2.46
Georgetown	120	1.58	1.30
Greenville	737	9.71	9.28
Greenwood	94	1.24	1.92
Hampton	36	0.47	.61
Horry	115	1.52	2.70
Jasper	27	0.36	.46
Kershaw	103	1.36	1.34
Lancaster	44	0.58	1.67
Laurens	172	2.27	1.92
Lee	93	1.23	.71
Lexington	212	2.79	3.43
McCormick	10	0.18	.31
Marion	94	1.24	1.17
Marlboro	56	0.74	1.05
Newberry	110	1.45	1.13
Oconee	110	1.45	1.57
Orangeburg	341	4.49	2.70
Pickens	181	2.39	2.30
Richland	402	5.30	9.03
Saluda	40	0.53	.56
Spartanburg	666	8.78	6.71
Sumter	255	3.36	3.07
Union	92	1.21	1.13
Williamsburg	183	2.41	1.32
York	143	1.88	3.30



1978-1979 TUITION GRANTS

COLLEGE	FRESHMEN		SOPHOMORES		JUNIORS		SENIORS		TOTALS	
	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
Allen	29	\$7,660	27	\$5,850	33	\$9,335	44	\$13,780	133	\$36,625
Anderson	296	\$308,295	191	\$214,005					487	\$522,300
Baptist	290	\$447,415	239	\$361,635	165	\$252,795	168	\$233,775	862	\$1,295,620
Benedict	376	\$381,349	373	\$370,085	350	\$349,094	329	\$312,162	1,428	\$1,412,690
Central Wesleyan ...	53	\$78,295	33	\$45,170	37	\$43,885	34	\$53,680	157	\$221,030
Claflin	238	\$166,508	183	\$122,425	162	\$115,110	175	\$127,017	758	\$531,060
Coker	35	\$45,815	37	\$54,540	44	\$63,190	51	\$74,910	167	\$238,455
Columbia	159	\$229,177	124	\$178,793	88	\$122,646	84	\$115,495	455	\$646,111
Converse	30	\$48,890	27	\$44,110	33	\$56,290	30	\$41,870	120	\$191,160
Erskine	90	\$138,440	72	\$108,890	92	\$140,270	77	\$121,895	331	\$509,495
Furman	140	\$219,004	145	\$226,062	143	\$223,932	125	\$200,386	553	\$869,384
Limestone	90	\$123,085	68	\$87,022	102	\$128,314	61	\$84,321	321	\$422,742
Morris	86	\$53,610	94	\$64,050	89	\$62,210	59	\$39,375	328	\$219,245
Newberry	110	\$170,240	116	\$184,550	95	\$153,950	107	\$174,470	428	\$683,210
North Greenville....	117	\$105,418	86	\$85,037					203	\$190,455
Presbyterian	76	\$115,910	72	\$110,162	35	\$50,960	59	\$88,170	242	\$365,202
Spartanburg	220	\$214,242	187	\$183,931					407	\$398,173
Voorhees	166	\$141,655	134	\$116,040	135	\$121,740	147	\$121,540	582	\$500,975
Wofford	97	\$149,368	73	\$113,972	119	\$192,294	84	\$129,590	373	\$585,224
TOTAL	2,698	\$3,144,376	2,280	\$2,676,329	1,722	\$2,086,015	1,634	\$1,932,436	8,335	\$9,839,156

AWARDS, STATE FUNDS, AND TOTAL FUNDS HISTORY

	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80
STATE APPROPRIATION	\$5000	\$50,000	\$150,000	\$4,000,000	\$6,180,000	\$7,255,473	\$7,332,686	\$8,354,749	\$9,356,497	\$9,907,590
TOTAL FUNDS	\$5000	\$50,000	\$150,000	\$4,000,000	\$6,398,882	\$7,460,840	\$7,833,339	\$9,085,707	\$10,133,140	\$10,788,633
NUMBER OF GRANTS		43	134	3,271	5,186	5,784	7,516	7,758	8,335	7,634

*Number of 1979-80 grants does not include total number of new second semester awards.

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